

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN
AT LAW AND IN ADMIRALTY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.

APPROXIMATELY \$20,000.00 IN UNITED
STATES CURRENCY, and

APPROXIMATELY \$5,188.00 IN UNITED
STATES CURRENCY,

Defendants.

VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR CIVIL FORFEITURE IN REM

The United States of America, by its attorneys, Matthew D. Krueger, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and Scott J. Campbell, Assistant United States Attorney for this district, alleges the following in accordance with Supplemental Rule G(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

Nature of the Action

1. This is a civil action to forfeit properties to the United States of America, under 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6), for violations of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).

The Defendants In Rem

2. The defendant property, approximately \$20,000.00 in United States currency, was seized on or about November 5, 2018, from Willie Williams at or near 1XXX West Concordia Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

3. The defendant property, approximately \$5,188.00 in United States currency, was seized on or about November 5, 2018, from Willie Williams at or near 3068 North Teutonia Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

4. The defendant properties are presently in the custody of the City of Milwaukee Treasurer's Office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Jurisdiction and Venue

5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over an action commenced by the United States under 28 U.S.C. § 1345, and over an action for forfeiture under 28 U.S.C. § 1355(a).

6. This Court has *in rem* jurisdiction over the defendant properties under 28 U.S.C. § 1355(b).

7. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. § 1355(b)(1), because the acts or omissions giving rise to the forfeiture occurred in this district.

Basis for Forfeiture

8. The defendant property, approximately \$20,000.00 in United States currency, is subject to forfeiture to the United States of America under 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6) because it was used or intended to be used in exchange for controlled substances, represents proceeds of trafficking in controlled substances, or was used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).

9. The defendant property, approximately \$5,188.00 in United States currency, is subject to forfeiture to the United States of America under 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6) because it was used or intended to be used in exchange for controlled substances, represents proceeds of trafficking in controlled substances, or was used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).

Facts

10. Heroin is a Schedule I controlled substance under 21 C.F.R. § 1308.
11. Cocaine is a Schedule II controlled substance under 21 C.F.R. § 1308.
12. Alprazolam is a Schedule IV controlled substance under 21 C.F.R. § 1308.
13. Lactose is used by drug dealers to cut or dilute controlled substances.

November 5, 2018 execution of search warrant at Willie Williams' residence

14. On November 5, 2018, Milwaukee police officers executed a search warrant at the residence of Willie Williams, 1XXX West Concordia Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin ("Williams' residence").

15. Present at Williams' residence during execution of the search warrant were individuals having the initials "L.H." and "D.W."

16. Below are some of the items inside Williams' residence on November 5, 2018.

- A. Two loaded firearms, one with an extended magazine, were in L.H.'s bedroom.
- B. Approximately 100 rounds of ammunition were in D.W.'s bedroom.
- C. The following items were in Willie Williams' bedroom:
 - i. Box of rubber gloves,
 - ii. Box of baggies,
 - iii. Box of razor blades,
 - iv. Box of face masks,
 - v. Digital scale,
 - vi. Various firearm magazines and ammunition,
 - vii. Blender with heroin residue,
 - viii. Plate with cocaine base residue and a razor blade,
 - ix. Handgun,

- x. Baggie with 200 Alprazolam pills, and
 - xi. Approximately \$20,000 in United States currency. Denominations of the currency were 550-\$20 bills, 58-\$50 bills, and 61-\$100 bills.
- D. A blender with heroin residue was in the kitchen.
- E. Five one-pound bags of lactose powder were in the kitchen pantry.
- F. A measuring cup, razor blade, plate, and digital scale were on top of the kitchen cabinets.

November 5, 2018 traffic stop and arrest of Willie Williams

17. On November 5, 2018, Milwaukee police officers conducted a traffic stop on a Ford Explorer at or near 3068 North Teutonia Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
18. Willie Williams was the driver of the Ford Explorer. Also in the vehicle were an individual having the initials D.J. and an infant.
19. Officers took Willie Williams into custody.
20. At the time of his arrest, Willie Williams had approximately \$5,188 in United States currency in his pants pocket.
21. Denominations of the approximately \$5,188 were 3-\$100 bills, 1-\$50 bill, 238-\$20 bills, 6-\$10 bills, 3-\$5 bills, and 3-\$1 bills.
22. Inside the Ford Explorer that Williams was driving at the time of his arrest were the following:
- A. Two cell phones, and
 - B. One semi-automatic firearm loaded with 11 rounds of ammunition.

November 6, 2018 mirandized recorded statement of Willie Williams

23. On November 6, 2018, an officer conducted an interview of Willie Williams (the "Interview").
24. The Interview was audio recorded.

25. Prior to conducting the Interview, the officer read Willie Williams his Constitutional Miranda Rights. Williams stated that he understood each of his rights and was willing to speak with the officer.

26. During the Interview, Willie Williams (“Williams”) admitted the following:

- A. Williams has been selling narcotics since about July.
- B. Williams sells about 50 grams of heroin per week.
- C. Williams sells about one ounce of cocaine per week.
- D. Williams buys the heroin and then has someone else mix it up for him at his residence, and cook the cocaine into crack cocaine.
- E. Williams’ favorite drug to sell is heroin.
- F. The seized money is money that Williams save up since July.
- G. Williams purchased the Alprazolam pills for \$1 each.
- H. Williams takes the Alprazolam pills himself and also sells the pills for \$1 each.
- I. The firearm inside the Ford Explorer that Williams was driving on November 5, 2018, belongs to Williams.

Willie Williams’ November 14, 2018 State Drug Charges

27. On November 14, 2018, Willie Williams was charged in Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Case No. 18CF5416, with (1) maintaining a drug trafficking place, and (2) possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

28. A plea hearing in Case No. 18CF5416 is scheduled for April 15, 2019.

Willie Williams' January 2, 2018 State Drug Charges

29. On January 2, 2018, Willie Williams was charged in Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Case No. 18CF4, with possession of cocaine with intent to deliver and possession of heroin with intent to deliver.

30. On June 5, 2018, in Case No. 18CF4, Willie Williams pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine and possession of narcotic drugs, which are both felony offenses.

31. As a convicted felon, Willie Williams is prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Warrant for Arrest In Rem

32. Upon the filing of this complaint, the plaintiff requests that the Court issue an arrest warrant *in rem* pursuant to Supplemental Rule G(3)(b), which the plaintiff will execute upon the defendant properties pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1355(d) and Supplemental Rule G(3)(c).

Claims for Relief

33. The plaintiff alleges and incorporates by reference the paragraphs above.

34. By the foregoing and other acts, the defendant property, approximately \$20,000.00 in United States currency, was used or intended to be used in exchange for controlled substances, represents proceeds of trafficking in controlled substances, or was used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).

35. The defendant approximately \$20,000.00 in United States currency is therefore subject to forfeiture to the United States of America under 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6).

36. By the foregoing and other acts, the defendant property, approximately \$5,188.00 in United States currency, was used or intended to be used in exchange for controlled substances, represents proceeds of trafficking in controlled substances, or was used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).

37. The defendant approximately \$5,188.00 in United States currency is therefore subject to forfeiture to the United States of America under 21 U.S.C. § 881(a)(6).

WHEREFORE, the United States of America prays that a warrant of arrest for the defendant properties be issued; that due notice be given to all interested parties to appear and show cause why the forfeiture should not be decreed; that judgment declare the defendant properties to be condemned and forfeited to the United States of America for disposition according to law; and that the United States of America be granted such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and equitable, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 7th day of March, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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Verification

I, Vincent Lopez, hereby verify and declare under penalty of perjury that I am a Task Force Officer with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in Milwaukee, that I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint for Civil Forfeiture *in rem* and know the contents thereof, and that the factual matters contained in paragraphs 10 through 26 of the Verified Complaint are true to my own knowledge.

The sources of my knowledge and information are the official files and records of the United States, information supplied to me by other law enforcement officers, as well as my investigation of this case, together with others, as a Task Force Officer with DEA.

I hereby verify and declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: 3/6/19

s/VINCENT LOPEZ
Vincent Lopez
Task Force Officer

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

Place an "X" in the appropriate box: ☐ Green Bay Division ☒ Milwaukee Division

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff _____

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

Scott J. Campbell, AUSA

US Attorney's Office, #530 Federal Building

517 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202 (414-297-1700)

DEFENDANTS

APPROXIMATELY \$20,000.00 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY,
ET AL.

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Milwaukee

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE:

IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF
THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 3 Federal Question
(U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 4 Diversity
(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- | | PTF | DEF | | PTF | DEF |
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| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
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V. ORIGIN

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
21 USC § 881(a)(6)

Brief description of cause:

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 **DEMAND \$**

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE _____

DOCKET NUMBER _____

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

03/07/2019

s/SCOTT J. CAMPBELL

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JUDGE

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WARRANT FOR ARREST IN REM

To: THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL
Eastern District of Wisconsin

WHEREAS, a Verified Complaint for Civil Forfeiture *in rem* was filed on the 7th day of March, 2019, by the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, which seeks the forfeiture of the above-named defendant properties pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 881(a)(6), and which prays that process issue to enforce the forfeiture and to give notice to all interested parties to appear before the court and show cause why the forfeiture should not be decreed; and due proceedings being had, that the defendant properties be condemned and forfeited to the use of the United States of America.

YOU ARE THEREFORE HEREBY COMMANDED to attach and arrest the following defendant properties, which are presently in the custody of the City of Milwaukee Treasurer's

Office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and to detain the same until further order of this Court:

- A. Approximately \$20,000.00 in United States currency, which was seized on or about November 5, 2018, from Willie Williams at or near 1XXX West Concordia Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and
- B. Approximately \$5,188.00 in United States currency, which was seized on or about November 5, 2018, from Willie Williams at or near 3068 North Teutonia Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2019, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

STEPHEN C. DRIES
Clerk of Court

By:

Deputy Clerk

Return

This warrant was received and executed with the arrest of the above-named defendants.

Date warrant received: _____

Date warrant executed: _____

Name and title of arresting officer: _____

Signature of arresting officer: _____

Date: _____